

**CITY OF SOMERVILLE**  
**MASSACHUSETTS**

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FELLOW CITIZENS:

FIRST OF ALL LET ME EXTEND TO EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU MY PERSONAL WISHES FOR A HAPPY AND FULFILLING NEW YEAR, A YEAR FILLED WITH PEACE, TRANQUILITY, AND JOY.

ONE YEAR AGO, I STOOD BEFORE YOU AND PRESENTED MY NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS FOR OUR CITY. NOW IS THE TIME TO ASSESS MY ADMINISTRATION'S PERFORMANCE AND PROGRESS IN ACCOMPLISHING THESE GOALS. A CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF A PUBLIC CORPORATION WOULD CALL THIS ADDRESS AN **ANNUAL REPORT** TO THE SHAREHOLDERS: NO DIFFERENT IS MY ROLE AS CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF OUR SEVENTY MILLION DOLLAR CORPORATION.

WHEN I ASSUMED OFFICE ONE YEAR AGO, I INHERITED A CITY PLAGUED WITH POOR FISCAL MANAGEMENT, INCREASING TAXES, NEGLECTED PROTECTIVE SERVICES, POOR FEDERAL AND STATE RELATIONS, A DETERIORATING HOUSING STOCK, A MISMANAGED CETA PROGRAM, AND A DEFUNCT AND DISSOLVED COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY. THE STATE OF OUR CITY AT THAT TIME WAS **AT BEST** ON THE DECLINE. TODAY, I AM PROUD TO REPORT THAT SOMERVILLE IS STABLE AND STEADILY IMPROVING. ONE PERSON CANNOT TAKE CREDIT FOR THIS TURNAROUND: IT WAS THE RESULT OF A LOT OF HARD WORK BY MANY PEOPLE WITHIN MY ADMINISTRATION AND OUTSIDE OF IT. I WANT TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK

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THOSE PEOPLE WHO HAVE WORKED SO HARD, AND TO THANK ALL THE PEOPLE OF SOMERVILLE FOR THEIR CONFIDENCE WHICH HAS GIVEN ME THE COURAGE TO MAKE MANY DIFFICULT DECISIONS IN THE INTEREST OF OUR CITY.

EARLY IN MY ADMINISTRATION, WE WERE FACED WITH A CRISIS. THE BLIZZARD OF '78 IMMOBILIZED NOT ONLY SOMERVILLE BUT THE ENTIRE NORTHEAST. THIS WAS OUR FIRST TEST, AND ALL CITY DEPARTMENTS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO CIVIL DEFENSE AND THE POLICE AND FIRE AUXILIARIES RESPONDED ADMIRABLY. MUNICIPAL SERVICES CONTINUED THROUGHOUT THIS CRUCIAL PERIOD AND ALL CITIZENS WERE SERVED BY THEIR GOVERNMENT.

UNFORTUNATELY, THE COSTS OF THE BLIZZARD COULD NOT HAVE BEEN PREDICTED, AND ALTHOUGH WE ACTIVELY PURSUED AND RECEIVED STATE AND FEDERAL AID TO OFFSET OUR EXPENDITURES, THE BLIZZARD IMPOSED AN ADDITIONAL ONE HALF MILLION DOLLAR BURDEN ON SOMERVILLE TAXPAYERS.

THIS UNEXPECTED FISCAL BLOW ALONG WITH INHERITED DEFICITS CREATED A DISMAL FINANCIAL SITUATION IN OUR CITY. FROM 1969 to 1977 THE PROPERTY TAX RATE ALMOST DOUBLED, GOING FROM \$143.00 to \$268.10 PER THOUSAND, AND THE CITY'S FUNDED DEBT ROSE FROM APPROXIMATELY 6 MILLION TO NEARLY 40 MILLION DOLLARS. DURING THE SAME PERIOD, THE CITY'S CREDIT RATING DROPPED FROM AA IN 1969 TO BAA IN 1977; THIS RESULTED IN A TREMENDOUS INCREASE IN THE INTEREST RATE.

A PRELIMINARY REVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL SITUATION INDICATED THAT OUR ADMINISTRATION WAS TO INHERIT A BUILT-IN TAX INCREASE OF \$18.00.

THE BOSTON AND MAINE PROPERTY ASSESSED AT MORE THAN 5 MILLION DOLLARS HAD BEEN TURNED OVER TO THE MBTA IN DECEMBER, 1976, and HAD THEREFORE BECOME TAX EXEMPT. HOWEVER, IN SPITE OF THIS TAX EXEMPT STATUS, THIS PROPERTY WAS CARRIED ON THE TAX ROLLS IN 1977, CAUSING A SHORTAGE OF \$1,400,000.00 IN TAX REVENUE. IN ADDITION ALMOST 3 MILLION DOLLARS IN ABATEMENTS WERE GRANTED FOR WHICH NO FINANCIAL PROVISIONS HAD BEEN MADE. THIS ACTION CAUSED A FURTHER SHORTAGE OF \$800,000.00 IN EXPECTED TAX REVENUE. THERE WAS ALSO OVERESTIMATION OF RECEIPTS BY THE PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATION FOR SUCH ITEMS AS WATER, EXCISE, AND FINES, THAT RESULTED IN OTHER \$400,000.00 DEFICIT IN REVENUE.

THE MISMANAGEMENT AND FISCAL IRRESPONSIBILITY LEFT MY ADMINISTRATION OVER 2½ MILLION DOLLARS IN THE RED. THE FINANCIAL CONDITION OF OUR CITY WAS WORSE THAN I HAD ANTICIPATED.

MY ADMINISTRATION IMMEDIATELY BEGAN THE DIFFICULT TASK OF PLACING SOMERVILLE'S FINANCES IN ORDER BY APPLYING THE BRAKES TO THE CITY'S FREEWHEELING "SPEND AND BORROW, BORROW AND SPEND" POLICY. THE PREVIOUS FIVE YEARS HAD BEEN THE CITY BORROWING 30½ MILLION DOLLARS IN BOND ISSUES, WHICH THE TAX PAYERS WILL SEE REFLECTED IN THEIR TAX BILLS FOR MANY YEARS TO COME (\$41.00 ON THE TAX RATE THIS

YEAR). DURING MY ADMINISTRATION, IN SPITE OF OUR DESPERATELY TIGHT FINANCIAL SITUATION, MY POLICY OF NO NEW BORROWING WILL CONTINUE. INSTEAD \$3 MILLION DOLLARS WAS PAID OFF.

CITY DEPARTMENT HEADS HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO WORK WITHIN THEIR BUDGETS AND CUT COSTS WHEREVER POSSIBLE WITHOUT REDUCING THE LEVEL OR QUALITY OF SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITY. I HOLD EVERY DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTABLE FOR ALL OF ITS EXPENDITURES.

MY NO BORROWING POLICY COMBINED WITH CLOSE SCRUTINY OF EXISTING BUDGETS HAS ALREADY RESULTED IN A STABILIZATION OF OUR CITY'S FINANCIAL PICTURE. I AM PROUD OF THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE DEDICATED MEMBERS OF MY ADMINISTRATION WHO HAVE WORKED WITH ME TO SET SOMERVILLE ON A STABLE COURSE FOR THE FUTURE. I CAN STATE WITH CERTAINTY THAT THERE WILL BE NO PROPERTY TAX INCREASE IN 1979.

IN ARRIVING AT THIS YEAR'S TAX RATE ALL OF THE FACTORS I MENTIONED PLUS INCREASED POLICE AND FIRE COSTS, SCHOOLS, INTEREST, AND INSURANCE COSTS HAD TO BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION. I WAS MOST PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE OUR TAX RATE THIS YEAR WHICH WAS A DECREASE OF \$1.50 PER THOUSAND. THE FIRST REAL REDUCTION FOR OUR CITY IN 18 YEARS. THIS WAS A MATTER OF GREAT PRIDE TO ME, COMING AS IT DID, AT A TIME WHEN MOST SURROUNDING CITIES WERE SHOWING CONSIDERABLE INCREASES.

THIS YEAR, SOMERVILLE RECEIVED A LARGER SHARE OF STATE AID THAN IT EVER HAD IN THE PAST. THIS WAS



NO ACCIDENT. THIS WAS DUE TO A CHANGE IN THE STATE AID FORMULA WHICH I SUPPORTED. MY ADMINISTRATION WORKED MANY HOURS WITH THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE, STATE OFFICIALS, THE MASSACHUSETTS MAYOR'S ASSOCIATION, AND OUR STATE DELEGATION TO THE GREAT AND GENERAL COURT, ESPECIALLY SENATOR DENIS McKENNA, TO EFFECT THIS CHANGE. THIS MONEY WAS USED TO DIRECTLY REDUCE OUR TAX RATE.

MY ADMINISTRATION HAS RECENTLY CONCLUDED COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS WITH THE CITY'S MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' UNION FOR 3 YEARS, (THE LONGEST CONTRACT EVER), THE POLICE UNION, AND THE FIREFIGHTERS' UNION FOR 2 YEARS. OUR CITY WILL NOT BE PLAGUED BY LABOR UNREST AS OTHER CITIES AROUND OUR NATION HAVE BEEN. THE LONG, ARDUOUS COLLECTIVE BARGAINING SESSIONS RESULTED IN COST OF LIVING INCREASES AND BENEFITS WHICH ARE ALREADY REFLECTED IN THIS YEAR'S DECREASED TAX RATE.

ONE OF THE PROUDEST ACHIEVEMENTS OF MY ADMINISTRATION OVER THE PAST YEAR HAS BEEN THE RESTORATION OF INTEGRITY AND PRIDE WITHIN OUR POLICE DEPARTMENT WITH COOPERATION OF CHIEF THOMAS J. O'BRIEN. I PROMISED YOU BETTER POLICE PROTECTION AND I FULFILLED THAT PROMISE. I HAVE APPOINTED 22 NEW POLICE OFFICERS, INCLUDING THE FIRST TWO WOMEN ON OUR POLICE FORCE, ALL FROM SOMERVILLE. THESE YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN ARE PROVING TO BE A TREMENDOUS ASSET TO OUR COMMUNITY.

IN ADDITION, THE EFFECTIVENESS AND EFFICIENCY OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT WILL BE ENHANCED BY THE

RECENT PURCHASE OF 6 POLICE MOTORCYCLES WITH FEDERAL FUNDS AND 5 NEW POLICE CARS.

I HAVE ALSO CALLED FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE LIST AND AS SOON AS I RECEIVE IT, 11 MORE OFFICERS WILL BE APPOINTED TO OUR POLICE FORCE IN 1979, INCLUDING 2 MORE WOMEN.

THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WAS BROUGHT UP TO FULL STRENGTH WITH THE BELATED ARRIVAL IN JANUARY OF 33 MEN, INCLUDING 2 MINORITIES. THIS HAS BEEN A VERY TRYING YEAR FOR OUR CITY, WHICH HAS BEEN PLAGUED BY MAJOR FIRES AND MANY CASES OF SUSPECTED ARSON. I TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO COMMEND THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR A JOB WELL DONE.

IN RESPONSE TO THE ARSON SITUATION, I ESTABLISHED A SPECIAL ARSON SQUAD WHOSE WORK IN THE COMMUNITY HAS ALREADY HAD SOME EFFECT. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME OUR POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS HAVE WORKED TOGETHER SO CLOSELY AND SO WELL.

THE WATER DEPARTMENT HAS ALSO BEEN WORKING VERY CLOSELY WITH THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, AND IT REPORTS THAT FOR THE FIRST TIME IN YEARS ALL WATER LEAKS HAVE BEEN REPAIRED AND EVERY HYDRANT IN THE CITY IS WORKING. JUST A YEAR AGO, 46 HYDRANTS WERE OUT OF ORDER. IN THE LAST YEAR, 139 HYDRANTS WERE REPLACED WITH EITHER NEW OR REBUILT ONES, 59 WERE INSTALLED UNDER CONTRACT USING FEDERAL FUNDS, AND 80 WERE INSTALLED BY OUR OWN CITY EMPLOYEES.

TO FURTHER PROTECT THE CITIZENS OF SOMERVILLE IN 1979, I AM ANNOUNCING THAT FEDERAL FUNDS HAVE BEEN SECURED TO PURCHASE SMOKE DETECTORS FOR



THE HOMES OF ELDERLY AND LOW INCOME FAMILIES. DISTRIBUTION OF THESE SMOKE DETECTOR UNITS WILL BEGIN WITHIN THE MONTH.

I HAVE WORKED HARD OVER THE PAST YEAR TO BUILD A SOLID RELATIONSHIP WITH BOTH THE STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR. SECURING FEDERAL FUNDS IS A DIFFICULT TASK: IT IS EXTREMELY COMPETITIVE. ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS FROM EVERY CITY AND TOWN IN THE COMMONWEALTH AND THE NATION LOOK TO WASHINGTON FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE. A LARGE PART OF MY JOB HAS BEEN CONVINCING WASHINGTON THAT SOMERVILLE NEEDS AND DESERVES A LARGER SHARE OF THE PIE. I HAVE BEEN ONE OF THE MOST ACTIVE MAYORS IN THE MASS. MAYOR'S ASSOCIATION AND HAVE JOURNIED TO WASHINGTON AND BOSTON WHENEVER IT COULD HELP SOMERVILLE, AND IT HAS PAID OFF.

SOMERVILLE HAS BEEN AWARDED 325 SECTION 8 HOUSING UNIT SUBSIDIES FOR APARTMENTS IN THE WARD ONE AREA. THE SUBSIDIES WILL AMOUNT TO BETWEEN 5 and 10 MILLION DOLLARS AND WILL REQUIRE SUBSTANTIAL UPGRADING OF THE APARTMENTS BY THE LANDLORDS.

A GRANT OF NEARLY 1 MILLION DOLLARS IS EXPECTED IN EARLY 1979 TO DEVELOP ANCILLIARY SERVICES IN THE AREA SURROUNDING THE PROSPECT STREET BRIDGE IN CONJUNCTION WITH ITS RECONSTRUCTION.

ANOTHER GRANT OF \$200,000.00 IS ALSO EXPECTED EARLY IN 1979 WHICH WILL UPGRADE THE ALBION AND HODGKINS PLAYGROUNDS.

I WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND SPECIAL THANKS TO SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE TIP O'NEILL FOR HIS CONTINUING SUPPORT AND CONCERN FOR OUR CITY IN THESE MATTERS.

INITIALLY, I WAS OPPOSED TO THE COBBLE HILL DEVELOPMENT. LAST YEAR, IN MY INAUGURAL ADDRESS, I STATED THAT COBBLE HILL MUST PAY ITS FAIR SHARE, OTHERWISE THE TAX PAYER MAKES UP THE DIFFERENCE. BEFORE ITS APPROVAL, I STATED, MORE TAX DOLLARS MUST BE GENERATED. SINCE THAT TIME, NEGOTIATIONS HAVE TAKEN PLACE WITH THE DEVELOPER AND I BELIEVE A SATISFACTORY FORMULA HAS BEEN WORKED OUT TO BENEFIT THE CITY AND ITS TAXPAYERS. I AM ASKING THAT THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS APPROVE THE COBBLE HILL PROJECT WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY. THIS AREA OF OUR CITY IS AT PRESENT A WASTELAND. FOR THE PAST 10 YEARS THIS LAND HAS NOT PROVIDED ANY TAX REVENUE. ALL THAT IS REQUIRED IS ACTION BY THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS TO MAKE THE COBBLE HILL PROJECT A REALITY. EVERY DAY OF DELAY IS COSTING THE TAXPAYERS OF SOMERVILLE HARD EARNED MONEY. THE PEOPLE OF SOMERVILLE ARE PAYING FOR THE ASSESSORS' INDECISION AND LACK OF CONCERN.

NEW PROJECTS FOR 1979 AND BEYOND, INCLUDE THE FIRST NATIONAL SITE, THE MULTIMILLION DOLLAR SQUIRES AREA DEVELOPMENT, SOMERVILLE AVENUE DEVELOPMENT, AND NEIGHBORHOOD STRATEGY AREA DEVELOPMENTS. THESE PROJECTS WILL REQUIRE THE SUPPORT AND COOPERATION OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS AND THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN. I WELCOME THEIR INPUT, ALONG WITH THAT OF ALL CITIZENS, AND HOPE THAT

YOUR GOAL WILL BE THE SAME AS MINE TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN OUR CITY.

SOMERVILLE'S DETERIORATING HOUSING STOCK HAS BEEN ADDRESSED THIS PAST YEAR IN PART BY OUR OFFICE OF PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT. HOME IMPROVEMENT LOANS, LOW INTEREST LOANS, AND A FREE PAINT PROGRAM HAVE AIDED HOMEOWNERS. IN ADDITION, 40 STORE FRONTS HAVE BEEN PAINTED TO ASSIST IN THE REVITALIZATION OF OUR CITY'S SQUARES. THESE SERVICES WILL BE EXPANDED IN 1979.

I BELIEVE THAT THE RECENT VOTE TO ABOLISH RENT CONTROL IN OUR CITY WILL ALSO ENCOURAGE MANY LANDLORDS TO IMPROVE THEIR PROPERTY. RENT CONTROL WAS A SOCIAL EXPERIMENT THAT FAILED AND FAILED MISERABLY. IT BECAME A VERY EMOTIONAL ISSUE, AND THEREFORE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT FOR THE BOARD OF ALDERMAN TO ADDRESS. I COMMEND THE ALDERMAN FOR THEIR STAND.

LET ME REASSURE THOSE TENANTS PRESENTLY LIVING IN RENT CONTROLLED UNITS, WHOSE LANDLORDS MAY ATTEMPT TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THEM, THAT MY ADMINISTRATION WILL ESTABLISH A RENTAL ASSISTANCE OFFICE TO AID THEM, ESPECIALLY ELDERLY AND LOW INCOME CITIZENS. THIS OFFICE WILL ADMINISTER THE 324 SECTION 8 SUBSIDIZED APARTMENT UNITS WHICH I PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED AND SHOULD ACT AS AN EFFECTIVE SAFETY VALVE FOR ANY RELOCATIONS THAT MAY RESULT FROM THE DEMISE OF RENT CONTROL. THE 265 UNITS OF HOUSING AT COBBLE HILL COULD ALSO HELP. THIS OFFICE WILL ALSO WORK CLOSELY WITH THE HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT IN DEALING WITH THE DAY TO DAY HOUSING PROBLEMS OF SOMERVILLE CITIZENS.

THIS PAST YEAR MY ADMINISTRATION INHERITED PROBLEMS CAUSED BY THE INCOMPETENT AND ILLEGAL ADMINISTRATION OF OUR CITY'S CETA PROGRAM. THE CITY WAS BEING SUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR FOR PAST ABUSES, AND SOMERVILLE WAS THREATENED WITH A HUGE FINANCIAL LOSS. UPON TAKING OFFICE, I ASSIGNED SPECIAL COUNSEL TO THE CASE AND AT THE SAME TIME CARRIED ON AN INTENSIVE SEARCH FOR A CAPABLE, QUALIFIED, EXPERIENCED DIRECTOR. THE COURT CASE WAS SETTLED FAVORABLY FOR THE CITY OUT OF COURT AND ALMOST CONCURRENTLY A NEW DIRECTOR WAS HIRED. SINCE THAT TIME, CETA HAS DEVELOPED A PROFESSIONAL STAFF AND IS COMPETENTLY SERVING THE EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITY WITHIN ITS FEDERAL MANDATE.

IN EARLY 1978, OUR CITY HAD NO PERMANENT COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY TO ADMINISTER FEDERAL COMMUNITY SERVICES ADMINISTRATION FUNDS TO SOMERVILLE'S PROGRAMS FOR THE ELDERLY AND LOW INCOME. AFTER MONTHS OF HARD WORK, MY ADMINISTRATION ANNOUNCED A MERGER WITH THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE. THIS NEWLY FORMED AGENCY, CALLED THE SOMERVILLE CAMBRIDGE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY COMMITTEE, IS THE SECOND LARGEST COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY IN THE COMMONWEALTH AND WILL PRODUCE MORE FUNDS IN 1979 FOR NEW AND EXISTING SOMERVILLE PROGRAMS SUCH AS THE UNION SQUARE AND CROSS STREET ELDERLY CENTERS AND THE HEAD START DAY CARE PROGRAM.

IN THE SUMMER OF 1978, THE CITY OF SOMERVILLE PROVIDED 140 JOBS TO HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE AGE STUDENTS. THIS SUMMER EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM WAS

INITIATED BY MY OFFICE, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO PROMOTING THIS SAME PROGRAM NEXT YEAR. THESE JOBS ALLOWED MANY OF OUR YOUNGESTERS TO PAY, IN PART FOR FURTHERING THEIR EDUCATION, AND ALSO ALLOWED SOME TO SUPPLEMENT THEIR FAMILIE'S INCOMES.

ONE OF THE MOST SEVERE PROBLEMS OF OUR CITY GOVERNMENT IS THE UNORTHODOX MANNER IN WHICH PROPERTY IS ASSESSED. THIS SITUATION CAN BEST BE CORRECTED BY THE IMMEDIATE INSTITUTION OF A PROPERTY TAX RECLASSIFICATION PROGRAM. STATE LAW MANDATES THAT THE CITY ASSESS ITS PROPERTY AT 100% VALUATION. WITH THE PASSAGE OF QUESTIONS #1 IN THE NOVEMBER ELECTION, PROPERTY WILL BE CLASSIFIED AND TAXED ACCORDINGLY AS COMMERCIAL RESIDENTIAL, OR OPEN SPACE. I FOUGHT HARD FOR THE PASSAGE OF THIS REFERENDUM THROUGHOUT THE STATE, AND WOULD LIKE TO SEE IT IMPLEMENTED. I AM ONCE AGAIN GOING TO ASK THE BOARD OF ALDERMAN TO AUTHORIZE FUNDS FOR ITS INITIATION IN 1979. I AM THEN GOING TO ASK THAT THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS IMPLEMENT RECLASSIFICATION WITHOUT DELAY. THIS WILL PROVIDE HOMEOWNERS WITH THE RELIEF MANDATED QUESTION # 1.

AS I MENTIONED, THE STATE OF OUR CITY IS STABLE AND STEADILY IMPROVING. 1979 WILL BE AS MUCH, IF NOT MORE, OF A CHALLENGE THAN THIS PAST YEAR. MANY PROJECTS HAVE BEGUN THIS YEAR AND I FEEL A SENSE OF EXCITEMENT IN THE COMMUNITY AS SOMERVILLE COMES ALIVE.

LAST YEAR, I CLOSED MY INAGURAL ADDRESS WITH

THE HOPE THAT WE MOVE WITH PRIDE INTO THE FUTURE AND NOT DWELL ON THE PAST. I INTEND TO CONTINUE FULFILLING THAT PLEDGE IN THIS NEW YEAR. TO THOSE COLLEAGUES IN GOVERNMENT WHO HAVE SUPPORTED MY ADMINISTRATION, I OFFER MY THANKS AND ONCE AGAIN ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT DURING THE COMING YEAR. TO THOSE OF MY COLLEAGUES WHO HAVE NOT, I HOPE THAT WE CAN FORGET OUR DIFFERENCES, AND WORK TOGETHER IN A COMMON DESIRE TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN THIS CITY THAT WE ALL LOVE.

AND TO ALL OF YOU, I THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE AND UNDERSTANDING, AND ASK FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT. I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT THIS ADMINISTRATION SHALL CONTINUE TO DO ITS VERY BEST — THAT ALL OF OUR EFFORTS WILL BE DEDICATED TO GIVING YOU A BETTER LIFE AND A COMMUNITY AND A GOVERNMENT TO WHICH YOU CAN POINT WITH PRIDE.

AND NOW — ONCE AGAIN — TO ALL OF YOU — A HAPPY AND SUCCESSFUL AND A FULFILLING NEW YEAR.

THANK YOU.



**Office of the  
BOARD OF ASSESSORS**

A. City - All appropriations since 1978-79 tax rate fixed:

1. Total to be raised by taxation: 37,347,942.58
2. Total appropriations to be taken from available funds:

1978-1979	3,249,797.05	
1977—1978	2,565,301.93	5,815,098.98
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	Totals:	43,163,041.56

3. a. 1961 Prior	766.67	g. 1970 -	362,739.77
b. 1965	8987.39	h. 1971 -	360,937.76
c. 1966	73344.15	i. 1972 -	475,952.72
d. 1967	203044.65	j. 1973 -74	290,250.66
e. 1968	213165.93	k. 1975	34,236.90
f. 1969	215693.31	l. 1976 -77	136,366.59
		m. 1977 -78	351,700.70
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		Totals:	2,727,187.20

B. Retirement Chap. Sec. 22 5355.00

County Tax Assessments:

	1978-79	1977-78
1. County Tax	5,993,089.93	839,862.49
2. County Hospital	38,694.55	11,285.91

C. State Tax and Assessments: 1978-79

1. State Exam. of Retirement System	5355.00
2. Met. Dist. Area	_____
3. Mass. Bay Trans. Authority	_____
4. Health Ins. Program	<hr/>

5. Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Bills	1,461,964.21
6. Air Pollution Control District	—
7. Special Education Authority (Vocational)	312,311.00
8. Boston Authority	—
9. Overlay of Current Year	1,840,592.18
E. Gross Amount to be raised	59,820,994.22
F. Estimated receipts and available funds. 1978-1979 Fiscal Year. Certified by the Commission on Cherry Sheet	9,430,639.98
1. Motor Vehicle Trailer Escixe	1,461,964.21
2. Licenses	156,832.92
3. Fines	258,503.98
4. Special Assessments	—
5. Gen. Government	75,995.38
6. Protection of Persons and Property	14,715.35
7. Health and Sanitation	28,236.72
8. Highways	1,020.00
9. School (Local receipts of School Committee)	8,220.91
10. Libraries	4,960.32
16. Public Service enterprises-i.e. Water Depts.	1,216,396.91
17. Interest	157,018.67
20. Middlesex County - Dog Licenses	4,644.36
21. C. of M. Civil Defense Agency	14,397.03
22. Employment Security Reimbursements	2,703.00
23. C. of M. Mass. Rehabilitation (Omission Reimb.)	62.60
Totals	12,836,312.34
25. Overestimates - State from available funds.	18,848.51
	3,249,797.05
G. County	None

Net amount to be raised by taxation on Property:

37,347,940.38

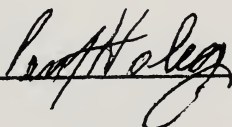
H. Total valuation and taxes levied

	Valuation:	Tax Levy
1978-79 Personal Property	21,021.700	5,604,395.22
1978-79 Real Estate	119,068.100	31,743,555.46

Tax rate \$266.60

The Board of Assessors wishes to thank the other departments for the cooperation extended during the year; particularly the Legal Department.

Respectfully submitted:



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Paul J. Haley, Chairman  
Robert V. Campo  
John J. Howe  
Kevin J. Palmer  
William A. Pickett

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

**FISCAL YEAR 1979**

**July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979**

# STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

## REVENUE ACCOUNTS

### ASSETS

Revenue Cash ..... \$ 3,385,714.57

#### Cash Discrepancies:

P.J.W., Collector ..... 253.57

P.J.W., Collector ..... 1,029.55

R.C., Deputy Collector ..... 1,326.86

E.W., Deputy Collector ..... 431.15

Treasurers' Overs and Shorts and Bank Errors .. 1,668.63

#### Accounts Receivable:

##### Taxes - Real Estate and Personal

FY 1979..... \$ 1,747,245.92

FY 1978..... 971,378.38

FY 1977..... 196,905.86

FY 1976..... 96,669.46

FY 1975..... 82,714.05

FY 1974..... 22,536.10

1973 ..... 99,091.83

1972 ..... 53,528.24

1971 ..... 48,949.24

Prior years ..... 102,413.77

3,421,432.85

Tax Titles ..... 1,061,229.77

Tax Possessions ..... 79,201.36

#### Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes:

1979 ..... 700,455.56

1978 ..... 287,646.90

1977 ..... 146,698.45

## REVENUE ACCOUNTS - ASSETS

1976 .....	157,402.66	
1975 .....	172,326.77	
1974 .....	196,214.88	
1973 .....	155,530.97	
1971 .....	82,163.90	
Prior years .....	<u>274,590.17</u>	
		2,173,029.76
Building Demolition Charges Added to Taxes:		
FY 1979.....	73,520.11	
FY 1978.....	15,245.00	
FY 1977.....	15,245.00	
FY 1976.....	25,180.00	
FY 1975.....	3,900.00	
FY 1973/1974 .....	18,073.00	
1971 .....	1,985.00	
Prior years .....	<u>27,498.80</u>	
		180,646.91
Departmental-Accounts Receivable:		
Department of Public Works	100.00	
P.W.D. Building Division ...	11,452.25	
P.W.D. Incinerator Division.	13,058.13	
P.W.D. Water Division .....	<u>2,728.33</u>	
		27,338.71
Water Department Accounts .....		497,342.09
State Aid to Highways - Chapter 90 .....		393,635.59
Employees Group Insurance Deduction .....		2,610.90
Grant Related Income-North Charles Foundation .		43.48
School Grants-		
Public Law 89-10/92-318, Title I .....		1,203.21
Project No. 78-274-063		
Public Law 94-142, Title IV-B		



Project Cascade - #79-274-412-B .....	8,983.72
Revenue - FY 1980.....	47,432,949.84
Middlesex County Hospital Assessment FY-1977 ..	24,184.09
Middlesex County Hospital Assessment FY-1978 ..	7,829.77
Overlay/Abatements	
FY 1979.....	1,261,890.57
FY 1978.....	2,168,401.20
FY 1977.....	179,425.17
FY 1976.....	92,093.09
FY 1975.....	137,421.11
FY 1973/1974 .....	65,043.75
1972 .....	32,702.29
1971 .....	9,176.31
Prior years .....	31,935.88
Reserve for Cash Variations and Bank Errors ....	131.49
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	<u>62,680,307.24</u>

## REVENUE ACCOUNTS

### LIABILITIES

Cashiers Overages .....	\$ 1,187.79
Tax Titles-Rent Receipts .....	645.00
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes - 1972 .....	9,388.87
Departmental Accounts Receivable:	
School Department .....	4,452.89
City Clerks Deposits.....	7,446.99
Treasury-Guarantee Deposits .....	45,219.19
School-Forfeited Fees .....	21,729.46
County Aid to Highways - Chapter 90 .....	29,765.93
Teachers' Retirement Deductions.....	122,531.42
Federal Withholding Taxes .....	71,651.10
State Withholding Taxes .....	20,682.27
Employees' Insurance Deductions .....	1,220.74
Employees Group Insurance Dividends .....	312.00
Group Insurance for Elderly Retirees .....	845.37
U.S. Savings Bonds Deductions .....	3,940.54
Reserve - Savings Bonds Deductions .....	5,794.63
Health Insurance Deductions .....	54,905.69
Blue Cross Dividends .....	3,879.50
Sale of Real Estate .....	63,126.00
Unexpended Balances:	
Income of Trust Funds .....	42,951.54
Tailings .....	50,297.58
Tailings - Water Department .....	1,882.87
Premiums on Bonds .....	15.00
Revenue Appropriations	
FY-1979.....	4,219,435.38
FY-1980.....	47,432,949.84
Reserve for Appropriations	
SMEA Contract Settlement/Holidays .....	2,778.94
Accounts Payable - FY 1980 .....	1,100,825.99

## REVENUE ACCOUNTS

### LIABILITIES

#### Commonwealth of Massachusetts Grants:-

##### DARE Girls' Court Project

C.C.J. Project No. 76C-159.1153 - State Buy In Funds	11.13
C.C.J. Project No. 76C-303.1153.....	.23
C.C.J. Project No. 77C-310.5142.....	71.53
C.C.J. Project No. 79C-4253.51 .....	9,584.00
C.C.J. Project No. 79C-4253.51 - State Buy In Funds	1,643.00

##### Somerville Wilderness Program

C.C.J. Project No. 75C-281.11,	
Cash Match Share - H.U.D. ....	7.44

##### Community Youth Agency

C.C.J. Project No. 77C-204.5111.....	714.30
C.C.J. Project No. 78C-132.5111.....	3,985.60
C.C.J. Project No. 78C-132.5111 - State Buy In Funds	1,860.00
Department of Youth Services Grant - FY 1975	28.63

##### Eastern Middlesex Opportunities Council, Inc.

Manpower Planning Board Grant .....	1,121.55
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##### Federal Grant - Department of Health, Education and Welfare

##### Public Health Service - Lead Control Program

Project No. HSHMA - 01-H-000181-03-0 .....	3,978.62
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##### Federal Grants - U.S. Department of Labor

##### Recreation Support Program:

RI-1972 - # 2001-25 .....	16.50
CETA - Title III - FY 1974.....	220.23
CETA - Title I - FY 1975 .....	.85
CSA - Project # 10094 - FY 1976 .....	25.87
Project # 10094 - FY 1977 .....	9,931.93

##### Grant Related Income - Community Services

Action Grant - Somerfest .....	707.00
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## REVENUE ACCOUNTS

### LIABILITIES

Comprehensive Employment and Training Act of 1973,  
Public Law 93-203, Section 102 - E.M.H.R.D.A.:

Administrative Pool .....	352.72
Title I/II-B .....	34,464.66
Title I - Summer Youth Employment Program ..	1,013.00
Title II/II-D .....	13,877.79
Title III - FY 1976 - Bilingual Human Service Careers Training .....	751.67
Title III - FY 1978 - Recreation Support Program	4,394.21
Title III/IV - Summer Job Corps .....	14.00
Title III/IV - Summer Youth Employment Program - FY 1976 .....	3,874.44
Title III/IV - Summer Youth Employment Program - FY 1977 .....	550.32
Title III/IV - SPEDY - FY 1978 .....	13,973.96
Title III/IV - Youth Employment & Training Projects - FY 1978 .....	1,054.99
Title III/IV - Youth Community Conservation & Improvements Project .....	183.16
Title VI .....	25,567.62
Title VI - City Settlement Funds .....	1,805.56

Commonwealth of Massachusetts - Police

Department Grants-

Committee on Criminal Justice:-

Police Field Operations

C.C.J. Project No. 77C-187.1321 .....

120.64

C.C.J. Project No. 77C-187.1321 - State

Buy In Funds .....

373.96

Federal Grant - Department of Housing and

Urban Developments:-

Comprehensive Planning Assistance Grant-

Section 701

Project No. CPA-MA-01-06-1023 .....

457.03

## REVENUE ACCOUNTS

## LIABILITIES

Community Development Block Grants-	
Project No. B-75-MC-25-0022 .....	151.25
Project No. B-76-MC-25-0022 .....	2,766.44
Project No. B-77-MC-25-0022 .....	1,459.60
Project No. B-78-MC-25-0022 .....	1,426.06
Project No. B-79-MC-25-0022 .....	18,771.71
Grant Related Income - Somerville	
Community Schools .....	252.75
Federal Grant - U.S. Department of Commerce	
Economic Development Administration	
Project No. EDA 01-51-20426 .....	84,109.66
Commonwealth of Massachusetts - Department of Education	
School Department Grants:	
Public Law 864 - National Defense Education ..	16,516.90
Public Law 81-874 .....	263,102.55
Public Law 87-415 .....	1,959.76
Public Law 89-10/92-318 - Title I	
Project No. 77-274-063 .....	1,190.51
Project No. 79-274-063 .....	76,376.48
Public Law 89-10, Title II, Library Resources .	.59
Commonwealth of Massachusetts - Department of Education	
School Department Grants continued -	
Public Law 89-10, Title II	
Project No. 74 - Northeastern Jr.	
High School .....	465.82
Project No. 75 - Powder House Community	
School .....	653.71
Project No. 89 .....	1,086.84
Project No. 312 - Winter Hill Community	
School .....	8,584.22
Arthur D. Healey School .....	394.71
Project No. 274 - Cummings School.....	4,114.89

## REVENUE ACCOUNTS

### LIABILITIES

Public Law 89-313, Title I, Project No. ED-79-262 B Mainstreaming Severely Handicapped Children .....	13,528.37
Public Law 89-10, Title VI-B Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission	10,124.67
Public Law 91-230, Title III - Adult Basic Education Project No. 73-24 .....	2,246.14
Project No. 74-24S .....	201.80
Project No. 75-24 .....	13.61
Project No. 75-43 .....	868.21
Project No. 76-24 .....	28,759.79
Project No. 77-24 .....	31,165.16
Project No. 79-05 .....	9,802.77
Grant Related Income - SCALE .....	25,985.36
Public Law 91-527 - Drug Abuse Prevention ..	6,000.00
Public Law 92-318 - Vocational Education Projects - FY 1974 .....	1,832.06
Public Law 93-203 - CETA Vocational Education Program Project No. CETA 275-S112 .....	1,240.95
Project No. CETA 276-5 .....	819.01
Project No. CETA 277-5 .....	4,839.02
Public Law 93-380, Title IV - Project Inside/Outside Project No. 023-77 .....	279.76
Project No. 023-2 .....	254.13
Grant Related Income - Project Inside/Outside-#2-320	638.93
Public Law 93-380, Title IV - Project Inside/Outside Project No. 023-3 .....	2,618.22
Public Law 93-380, Title IV-B, Library and Learning Resources FY 1976 .....	6,909.02
FY 1977.....	385.08
FY 1978.....	253.53
FY 1979.....	40,576.39



## REVENUE ACCOUNTS

### LIABILITIES

Public Law 93-380, Title IV-C, Community Resources/Alternative Education - Full Circle School - Project No. 27-78	
FY 1978.....	11,633.43
FY 1979.....	9,222.39
FY 1980.....	10,000.00
Public Law 94-142, Title IV - Part B	
Early Childhood Special Education -	
#79-274-058 B.....	407.73
Handbook and Video Tape Production -	
#79-274-524 A .....	1,380.00
Public Law 94-482 - Vocational Education Act of 1976	
Electronics Occupation - #79-274-605-292-1 .	32,866.21
Auto Body Repair - #79-274-605-293-1 .....	7,794.97
Graphic Arts - #79-274-605-101-1 .....	3,926.31
Life Survival Skills - #79-274-415-307-1.....	14,398.87
Realistic Vocational Education - 79-#274-011-1	10,984.00
Scatra Vocational Projects - #79-274-032-1 ..	13,897.00
Commonwealth of Massachusetts	
School Grant:	
Bureau of Equal Education Opportunity ....	2,040.00
Department of Elder Affairs - Council on Aging	
FY 1976.....	56.57
FY 1977.....	.20
FY 1978.....	1,287.46
FY 1979.....	6,960.00
Bicentennial Commission - Powder House	
Park Improvements .....	1,271.13
Cash Match - Community Development	
Block Grant - FY 1976 .....	186.29
Conservation Commission Fund.....	2,815.57
Commonwealth of Massachusetts - Department of Public Health Grant	

## REVENUE ACCOUNTS

### LIABILITIES

Sprinters Health Club Family Health Services -	1,854.71
Commonwealth of Massachusetts - Board of Library Commissioners	
Title I - L.S.C.A. Grant	
Ethnic Arts Project .....	4,956.50
Community Health Information Network .....	155.36
Commonwealth of Massachusetts - Bureau of Library Extension	
Public Law 91-600, Title II - L.S.C.A.	
Project No. 75-1 .....	4,497.38
Public Law 91-600, Title I - L.S.C.A.	
Non English Language .....	132.61
Library Grant - Friends of the Library .....	.49
Commonwealth of Massachusetts - State Aid	
for Free Public Libraries .....	60,447.00
Federal Grant - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency	
Multi-Material Source Separation Program .....	1,370.00
Grant Related Income - Sale of Recycling Materials	4,381.45
Urban Mass Transportation Administration Grant	
Somerville Joint Planning Project .....	1,360.29
Vista Action Grant - Career Development Grant ..	107.00
Federal Grant - Public Law 88-452, Title VIII - ACTION	
Volunteer Coordinator Program 1974 .....	755.60
Police Details .....	76.00
Hot Lunch Receipts .....	217,834.60
Athletic Receipts .....	3,280.03
Recreation Commission Receipts .....	3,996.74
Parking Meter Receipts:	
Off Street Parking .....	24,480.54

## REVENUE ACCOUNTS

### LIABILITIES

On Street Parking .....	32,085.24
Middlesex County - Dog Licenses and Sale of Dogs	693.25
State Taxes and Assessments	
FY 1977.....	82,509.99
FY 1978.....	97,703.98
FY 1979.....	172,256.32
Middlesex County Taxes and Assessments FY 1979	69,687.09
Middlesex County Hospital Assessment FY 1979	38,694.55

## REVENUE ACCOUNTS

### LIABILITIES

#### Revenue Reserved until Collected:

Motor Vehicle Excise Revenue.....	2,163,640.89	
Tax Title Revenue .....	1,061,229.77	
Tax Possessions Revenue.....	79,201.36	
Building Demolition Charges Revenue	180,646.91	
Departmental Revenue .....	22,885.82	
Water Revenue .....	497,342.09	
Aid to Highways Revenue .....	<u>363,869.66</u>	
		4,368,816.50
Reserve for Cash Discrepancies .....		4,841.25
Reserve for Unpaid Real Estate and		
Personal Taxes .....		1,642,245.50
Surplus Revenue.....		<u>1,580,848.05</u>
		<u><u>62,680,307.24</u></u>

## NON REVENUE ACCOUNTS

### ASSETS

Non Revenue Cash .....	206,986.34
Loans Authorized .....	<u>2,000,000.00</u>
	<u>2,206,986.34</u>

### LIABILITIES

Loans Unissued .....	2,000,000.00
Somerville Housing Authority .....	1,743.09
C. of M., Highway Improvement Fund.....	43.56
Appropriations .....	<u>205,199.69</u>
	<u>2,206,986.34</u>

## FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING ACCOUNTS

### ASSETS

Special Cash .....	<u>117,672.86</u>
	<u>117,672.86</u>

### LIABILITIES

Federal Revenue Sharing Funds .....	35,734.04
Federal Anti-recession Assistance Funds.....	74,148.59
Special Appropriations .....	<u>7,790.23</u>
	<u>117,672.86</u>

## NET FUNDED OR FIXED DEBT

### ASSETS

Net Bonded Debt .....	29,155,000.00
	<u>29,155,000.00</u>

### LIABILITIES

#### Loans Within Statutory Debt Limit:

Funding Loan - 1971 .....	4,545,000.00	
Water Main Bonds - 1974 ..	10,000.00	
Municipal Purpose Bonds - 1974 .....	275,000.00	
Capital Improvement Bonds - 1974 .....	40,000.00	
Fire Station Construction Loan - 1975 .....	1,080,000.00	
Library Remodeling & Reconstruction Loan ....	990,000.00	
Planning Bonds - Broadway Construction ..	135,000.00	
Departmental Equipment Bonds - 1977 .....	30,000.00	
Planning Bonds - Street Construction - 1977 .....	120,000.00	
Street Construction Bonds - 1978 .....	2,650,000.00	
Water Main Bonds - 1978	<u>925,000.00</u>	
Total Within Limit		10,800,000.00

#### Loans Outside Statutory Debt Limit:

Elementary School Loan - 1964 .....	575,000.00
Elementary School Loan - 1970 .....	2,150,000.00
School Project Loan - 1972	3,200,000.00



School Project Loan - 1974	4,950,000.00	
School Project Loan - 1975	1,770,000.00	
School Project Loan - 1977	5,280,000.00	
Urban Renewal Loan - 1969	380,000.00	
Capital Improvement Loan - 1975 .....	<u>50,000.00</u>	
Total Outside Limit .....		<u>18,355,000.00</u>
Total Funded Debt .....		<u><u>29,155,000.00</u></u>

# TRUST AND INVESTED FUNDS

## ASSETS

### Trust and Invested Funds-

Cash and Securities .....	12,141,427.01
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12,141,427.01

## LIABILITIES

### Trust Funds:

Contagious Hospital Finds .	2,168.23
School Funds .....	13,519.49
Library Funds .....	41,819.32
Welfare Funds .....	6,948.35
Recreation Funds .....	<u>3,645.76</u>

68,101.15

### Invested Funds:

Municipal Buildings	
Insurance Fund .....	5,465.35
* Somerville Retirement	
System Fund .....	12,064,486.70
Veterans Housing Fund ...	<u>3,373.81</u>

12,073,325.86

12,141.427.01

\* Figures submitted by Somerville Retirement Board

## REVENUE RECEIPTS

### RECEIPTS

#### GENERAL

Taxes .....	33,341,691.20
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes..	1,679,478.50
Tax Titles .....	79,961.12
Tax Possessions .....	2,180.00
Licenses and Permits .....	202,205.33
Fines and Forfeits .....	222,455.98
Grants and Gifts.....	14,595,749.79
Commonwealth of Massachusetts	
Civil Defense Agency .....	14,701.60
Real Estate Abatements-Blind Persons	
Chapter 59, Section 5, ..	
Clause 37 .....	17,507.00
Real Estate Abatements:	
Veterans-Chapter 59,	
Clause 22A-22E .....	33,483.74
Widows & Others-Chapter	
59, S-5, C17 & 37 .....	189,560.71
Elderly Persons Clause	
41, 1977, Chapter	
967 S-2 .....	166,034.74
Public Libraries, Chapter	
78, Section 19A.....	30,223.50
Highway Fund Distribution-Ch. 81, S-31,	
1971-Chapter 497, Ch. 492	201,894.00
Local Aid Fund-Lottery ....	1,018,706.00
Additional Assistance	
Ch. 367, 1978 .....	1,162,896.00

## REVENUE RECEIPTS

1978 Lottery Distribution	
Deficit.....	165,257.55
School Aid- Chapter 70 ....	11,320,677.00
Constructionod School	
Projects - Ch. 645 .....	930,529.16
Transitional Bilingual	
Education, Ch. 71a.....	89,951.00
Urban Development Corporation -	
Excise Distribution - Ch. ✓	
121 A, S-10 .....	380,916.09
Outside Transportation -	
Ch. 74, Sec. 8a .....	367.00
Department of Public Works -	
Reimbursements .....	332.90
Cash Overages .....	260.04
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	65,847,019.95

## DEPARTMENTAL

General Government .....	58,868.43
Protection of Persons and	
Property .....	17,423.89
Health and Sanitation .....	31,546.15
Veterans Services .....	75,141.71
Central and Branch Libraries	4,187.03
Recreation Receipts .....	3,996.74
School sand School Buildings	7,024.24
Hot Lunch Receipts .....	210,789.32
School Athletic Receipts.....	9,591.25
P.W.D. Parking Meter Receipts:	
On Street Parking .....	24,582.44
Off Street Parking.....	6,431.69

## REVENUE RECEIPTS

### DEPARTMENTAL

Teachers Retirement	
Deductions.....	638,284.13
Federal Withholding Taxes ..	5,300,326.37
State Withholding Taxes .....	1,643,066.26
Employees Insurance	
Deductions.....	280.12
Employees Group Insurance	
Deductions.....	47,327.12
Group Insurance for Elderly	
Retirees.....	7,247.00
Group Retirement for Elderly	
Retirees Dividend .....	3,070.24
Savings Bonds Deductions ..	29,780.05
Blue Cross Deductions .....	668,625.99
Tailings .....	<u>27,838.05</u>
	8,815,428.22
Deposits .....	32,228.46
Water Department Accounts .....	1,489,207.82
Interest on Taxes, etc. ....	120,810.69
Trust Fund Income .....	20,951.89
Accrued Interest .....	37,266.04
Interest on Court Fines .....	1,038.57
Temporary Loans - Tax Anticipation Notes .....	18,000,000.00
Temporary Loans - Renewals .....	16,000,000.00
Loans in Anticipation of Federally Aided	
Public Works Projects .....	5,000.00
Premium on Bonds .....	15.00
Refunds .....	<u>317,135.61</u>
Total Receipts .....	110,686,102.25
Cash Balance July 1, 1978 .....	<u>699,001.50</u>
Total Receipts .....	<u><u>111,385,103.75</u></u>

## REVENUE PAYMENTS

Revenue Appropriations .....	39,906,616.56
Interest .....	2,304,559.78
Reduction of Funded Debt .....	2,835,000.00
Refunds .....	565,386.95
City Clerks' Deposits .....	1,515.35
Guarantee Deposits .....	1,000.00
School-Book Deposits .....	1,250.00
School-Forfeited Fees .....	4,044.60
Teachers Retirement Deductions .....	952,310.33
Federal Withholding Taxes .....	5,294,679.76
State Withholding Taxes .....	1,642,449.83
Employees Insurance Deductions .....	327.72
Employees Group Insurance Deductions .....	52,178.76
Group Insurance for Elderly Retirees .....	7,994.30
Savings Bonds Deductions .....	31,532.03
Blue Cross Deductions .....	802,677.30
Temporary Loans - Tax Anticipation Notes .....	18,000,000.00
Temporary Loans - Renewals .....	16,000,000.00
Loan in Anticipation of Federally Aided	
Public Works Projects .....	5,000.00
Income of Trust Funds.....	7,799.43
Tailings .....	441.45
Commonwealth of Massachusetts Grants:-	
DARE Girls' Court Project:	
C.C.J. Project No. 79C-4253.51 .....	14,416.00
C.C.J. Project No. 77C-310.5142.....	33,825.80
C.C.J. Project No. 77C-310.5142 - State Buy	
In Funds .....	3,285.00
C.C.J. Project No. 76C-159,1153 - State Buy	
In Funds .....	31.00
C.C.J. Project No. 76C-303.1153.....	138.00
C.C.J. Project No. 76C-303.1153 - State Buy	
In Funds .....	29.46
Somerville Wilderness Program	
C.C.J. Project No. 75C-281.11 - State Buy	

## REVENUE PAYMENTS

In Funds .....	2.45
Somerville Community Youth Program	
C.C.J. Project No. 78C-132.5111.....	18,466.31
Grant Related Income - North Charles	
Research Foundation .....	9,501.67
Federal Grants - U.S. Department of Labor -	
C.E.T.A. Public Law 93-203, Eection 102 - x	
E.M.H.R.D.A.:-	
Administrative Pool .....	51,647.28
Title I - Project No. 2-1.....	72.00
Title I/II-B .....	872,931.63
Title II/II-D .....	988,104.72
Title III - 1976 - Bilingual Career Training ....	6.13
Title III - FY 1978 - C.S.A. - Recreation	
Support Program .....	14,859.79
Title I/III - FY 1977 - Summer Youth Program.	712.94
Title III/IV - FY 1978 - SPEDY .....	412,484.65
Title III/IV - Youth Employment & Training	
Projects 1978 .....	237,913.46
Title III/IV - Youth Community &	
Conservation - FY 1978 .....	56,681.07
Title VI .....	3,368,651.23
City Settlement Funds:	
Title II-D .....	271.65
Title VI .....	11,194.44
Commonwealth of Massachusetts Grants:-	
Committee on Criminal Justice-	
Police Auto Theft .....	1,776.33
Police Field Operations.....	29.58
Police Planning and Research .....	977.50
Federal Grants - Department of Housing and Urban Developments-	
Community Development Block Grants.....	3,209,814.55
Federal Grant - U.S. Department of Commerce	
Economic Development Administration .....	2,598,835.02



## REVENUE PAYMENTS

### Commonwealth of Massachusetts - Department of Education- School Department Grants:

Public Law 864 - National Defense Education	2,450.68
Public Law 81-874 .....	1,032.01
Public Law 89-10/92-318 - Title I	
Project No. 72 through No. 77 .....	12,919.23
Project No. 78-274-063 .....	185,914.01
Project No. 79-274-063 .....	938,623.52
Public Law 89-313 -	
Mainstreaming Severely Handicapped	
Children .....	35,662.87
Public Law 91-230 - Title III - Adult Basic Education	
Project No. 77-24 and 78-16 .....	23,581.21
Project No. 79-05 .....	117,252.23
Grant Related Income .....	52,477.65
Public Law 93-203 - CETA Vocational Education Program	
Project No. 277-5 .....	60.86
Public Law 93-380, Title IV - Project Inside/Outdise	
Project No. 023-77 .....	712.50
Project No. 023-2 .....	4,878.42
Project No. 023-3 .....	45,801.78
Grant Related Income .....	625.00
Public Law 93-380, Title IV-B, ESEA	
Library Learning and Resources .....	58,209.74
Public Law 93-380, Title IV-C, Community Resources/	
Alternative Education - Full Circle School - Project	
No. 27-78/79 .....	26,369.05
Public Law 90-576 - Full Circle School - D-2077	1,936.13
Public Law 94-142, Title IV-Part B	
Project CASCADE .....	132,087.93
Early Childhood Special Education .....	21,623.27
Handbook and Video Tape Production .....	490.00
Public Law 93-280/94-194 - Title VII -	
Project PREP .....	5,700.40

## REVENUE PAYMENTS

Public Law 94-482 - Vocational Education Act of 1976	
Electronics Occupation .....	36,929.79
Auto Body Repair .....	56,374.03
Graphic Arts .....	38,889.69
Life Survival Skills .....	2,136.13
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Department of Elder Affairs	
Council on Aging .....	4,712.54
Commonwealth of Massachusetts - Bureau of Library Extension	
Public Law 91-600, Title - L.S.C.A.	
Ethnic Arts Project .....	43.50
Community Health Information Network .....	2,643.64
Law Collection Development .....	250.00
Council on the Arts and Humanities .....	970.08
Non English Language Project .....	6,376.11
Federal Grant - E.P.A., Multi-Material Source Separation Program	
Grant Related Income - Sale of Recycling	
Materials .....	18,579.60
Somerville Police Details .....	73,030.00
Hot Lunch Receipts .....	1,119,643.49
Athletic Receipts .....	22,224.35
State Taxes and Assessments - FY 1979 .....	5,239,170.55
Middlesex County Assessments - FY 1979 .....	473,281.42
Middlesex County Dog Licenses .....	13,085.95
Middlesex County - Sale of Dogs .....	132.00
Total Payments to Date .....	109,100,125.17
Less Accounts Payable FY 1980 .....	<u>-1,100,825.99</u>
	107,999,299.18
Cash Adjustment .....	90.00
Cash balance on hand as of June 30, 1979 .....	<u>3,385,714.57</u>
Total .....	<u><u>111,385,103.75</u></u>

## NON REVENUE

### RECEIPTS

Redemption of Cash Investments .....	<u>600,000.00</u>
Total Receipts .....	600,000.00
Cash balance as of July 1, 1978 .....	<u>528,626.94</u>
Total .....	<u><u>1,128,626.94</u></u>
Appropriations .....	421,640.60
Cash Invested .....	<u>500,000.00</u>
Total Payments .....	921,640.60
Cash on hand as of June 30, 1979.....	<u>206,986.34</u>
Total .....	<u><u>1,128,626.94</u></u>

## FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING

### RECEIPTS

Revenue Sharing Funds.....	1,930,935.00
Antirecession Fiscal Assistance .....	73,681.00
Accrued Interest .....	<u>20,753.88</u>
Total Receipts .....	2,025,369.88
Cash balance as of July 1, 1978 .....	<u>95,429.27</u>
Total .....	<u><u>2,120,799.15</u></u>

### PAYMENTS

Special Appropriations:	
Revenue Sharing.....	1,931,490.87
Antirecession Fiscal Assistance .....	<u>71,635.42</u>
Total Payments .....	2,003,126.29
Cash on hand June 30, 1979 .....	<u>117,672.86</u>
Total .....	<u><u>2,120,799.15</u></u>

## SUMMARY

Total Revenue Receipts .....	110,686,102.25
Total Non Revenue Receipts .....	600,000.00
Total Special Cash Receipts .....	<u>2,025,369.88</u>
Total Receipts .....	113,311,472.13
Total Cash Balance as July 1, 1978 .....	<u>1,323,057.71</u>
Total .....	<u><u>114,634,529.84</u></u>

## PAYMENTS

Total Revenue Payments .....	107,999,299.18
Total Non Revenue Payments.....	921,640.60
Total Special Cash Payments .....	<u>2,003,126.29</u>
Total Payments .....	110,924,066.07
Revenue Adjustments .....	90.00
Total Cash on hand June 30, 1979 .....	<u>3,710,373.77</u>
Total .....	<u><u>114,634,529.84</u></u>

The foregoing statements reflect all financial transactions of the City of Somerville from July 1, 1978, through June 30, 1979. Any inquiries regarding these statements or requests for additional information may be directed to the Auditing Department.

Mary M. Antonelli  
City Auditor

**CITY OF SOMERVILLE**  
**OFFICE OF CITY CLERK**

To the Honorable Mayor  
and the Board of Alderman

Gentlemen:

The following is respectfully submitted as the one hundred eighth Annual Report of the City Clerk of Somerville, and is for the Fiscal Year July 1, 1978 - June 30, 1979.

The receipts and payments were as follows:

For dog licenses issued in FY 1979:

2250 males at \$3.00 ....	\$ 6,750.00
452 females at \$6.00 ..	2,712.00
1299 spayed at \$3.00 ...	3,897.00
5 kennel at \$10.00...	50.00
5 kennel at \$25.00...	125.00
1 kennel at \$50.00 ..	50.00
5 transfers at \$.25 ..	<u>1.25</u>

\$ 13,585.25

For hunting and fishing licenses issued in FY 1979:

562 fishing at \$8.25 .....	4,636.50
31 " (65-69) at \$4.10	127.10
329 hunting at \$8.25 ....	2,714.25
142 sporting at \$13.50 ..	1,917.00
6 " (65-69) at \$6.75	40.50
36 minor fishing at \$6.25	225.00
7 res. alien fish. at \$11.25	78.75
2 trapping at \$11.50 ..	23.00
1 trapping at \$6.25 ...	6.25
52 res. alien hunt. at \$16.25 .....	845.00

2 7-day fish. at \$8.25 .	16.50
1 non-res. cit. fish. at \$14.25 .....	14.25
12 duplicate at \$1.00 ..	12.00
132 waterfowl stamps at \$1.25 .....	165.00
5 archery stamps at \$5.10 .....	<u>25.50</u>

\$ 10,846.60

Recording mortgages, as- signments, etc. ....	3,847.50
Certificates of marriage intentions, including postage	3,315.85
Furnished copies of records..	<u>11,858.25</u>

\$ 19,021.60

#### Licenses:

auctioneers, 11 at \$15.00 .....	165.00
billiard, pool tables and bowling alleys; 39 licenses for 2 billiard tables, 6 pool tables, 31 bowling alleys at \$3.00 .....	117.00
cut meat and sausage, 1 at \$50.00 .....	50.00
stationary engines, 21 at \$1.00 .....	21.00
garages, 5 at \$5.00 3 at \$10.00 1 at \$20.00 .....	75.00
garage renewals .....	562.50
hackney carriages, 98 at \$50.00 .....	4,900.00
junk and second hand licenses:	
collect junk, 4 at \$15.00 .....	60.00
junk shops, 21 at \$35.00 .....	735.00
lodging house, 1 at \$2.00 .....	2.00
street musicians 2 at \$.50 .....	1.00
outdoor parking, 10 \$10.00 .....	100.00



secondhand auto dealer,

12 at \$50.00	
58 at \$25.00 .....	2,050.00

storage of explosives,

2 at \$10.00	
4 at \$20.00	
1 at \$50.00 .....	150.00

storage of explosives renewals .....	4,086.50
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taxi stand licenses, 46 at \$10.00 .....	460.00
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permits for projections over the sidewalk,

1 metal sign  
3 illuminated signs  
2 miscellaneous signs  
1 marquee  
1 awning

8 at \$5.00 .....	40.00
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copies of ordinances .....	320.00
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copies of city charter .....	6.00
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copies of municipal manual .....	20.00
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fees reg. mail notices .....	135.00
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postage .....	.90
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advertising .....	309.80
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duplicate dog tags .....	4.60
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pole locations .....	41.40
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gas mains .....	7.20
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blank forms .....	10.00
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raffle and bazaar permits .....	160.00
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24-hour store permits .....	75.00
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\$33,686.50

## PAYMENTS

To the City Treasurer for dog licenses in FY 1979

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5 transfers at \$.25 ..	<u>1.25</u>
	\$13,585.25

less City Clerk's fees

4012 at \$.35	1404.20	
5 trans. at .25	<u>1.25</u>	<u>-1,405.45</u>
		12,179.80

To the commissioners on Fisheries and Game for  
hunting licenses, etc., in FY 1979:

562 fishing at \$8.25 . . . .	4,636.50
31 " (65-69) at \$4.10	127.10
329 hunting at \$8.25 . . . .	2,714.25
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10,846.60

less City Clerk's fees

1303 at \$.25	325.75	
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5 at \$.10	<u>.50</u>	
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	<u>-326.25</u>	
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10,520.35

To City Treasurer monthly:

All the receipts above specified except for

hunting licenses and dog licenses .....	<u>33,686.50</u>
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\$56,386.65

# LICENSES AND PERMITS

Besides the licenses mentioned in the foregoing list of receipts, licenses and permits have been granted by the Board of Alderman, without charge, as follows:

1 Road Race

2 Walk-a-Thon

2 Parade with Music

1 Outdoor Concert

3 Street Closing

1 Sidewalk Sale

## BIRTHS — FY 1979

(July 1, 1978 - July 30, 1979)

### Births in Somerville with Physician in Attendance

Females.....	1	
Males .....	4	5

### Births in Somerville without Physicians in Attendance

Females.....	2	
Males .....	2	4

### Registered births in other places

Females.....	379	
Males .....	364	<u>743</u>

Total .....		752
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Born of American Parents      499

Born of Foreign Parents      171

Born of American Mother  
     Foreign Mother      32

Born of American Mother,  
     Foreign Father      49

Born of American Mother,  
     Father Unknown      1

Born of Foreign Mother,  
     Father Unknown      0

Total .....752

Number of Twins .....10 Sets

## MARRIAGES

July 1, 1978 - June 30, 1979 F.Y.

Number of Intentions issued .....	799
More than previous year .....	9
Number of Marriages registered .....	802
Less than previous year .....	19

Both parties American ..	640
Both parties Foreign .....	72
American Bride and	
Foreign Groom .....	54
American Groom and	
Foreign Bride .....	<u>36</u>

Total      802

First marriage .....	1285
Second marriage .....	296
Third marriage .....	22
Fourth marriage .....	<u>1</u>

Total      1604

Total Marriages for the F.Y. .... 802 Couples

## DEATHS

Number of deaths in Somerville for fiscal year July 1, 1978 thru June 30, 1979.

Died in the City .....	446
Died Out of the City .....	343
Stillborns .....	<u>0</u>
Total .....	789
Males .....	397
Females.....	<u>393</u>
Total .....	789

Age of the oldest person who died in Somerville - 106

Last record figured in the annual report - #452-32, 1978 and #237, 1979.

**ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH  
ANNUAL REPORT**

of the

**PUBLIC LIBRARY**

City of Somerville

Massachusetts

for the year 1979

**December 31, 1979**

**Board of Trustees**

**Term Expires**

Mrs. Deborah Donahue, President .....	January, 1981
Dr. Joseph A. Regan, Vice President .....	January, 1982
Charles A. Rosselli, Secretary .....	January, 1981
Joseph Butler .....	January, 1982
Mrs. Annie L. Johnson .....	January, 1980
Mrs. Mary Noone .....	January, 1981
Thomas F. O'Brien .....	January, 1980
John O'Leary.....	January, 1982
Mrs. Libera Giobbe.....	January, 1980



## To the Board of Trustees

Nineteen seventy-nine was a year of transition for the Somerville Public Library. One of the major changes has been the addition of eight new staff members to replace vacancies that existed. Another significant change was the return of the Library to regular winter hours after a period of one year which during summer hours were in effect. This occurred because of a shortage in staff. These staff vacancies have been filled with the exception of two positions now in the process of being filled.

Despite the changes that occurred during the year, the Library has maintained and increased its activities and services to the community.

The Children's Department at the Central Library has been revitalized. Two new staff members have been hired. Some programs offered by this department included, storytime and storycraft, reading club, creative dramatics, puppet shows, and films. Cooperation with Somerfest, CETA, and the School Department have brought additional and varied programs to the Library. One example of this involved the children's puppet club and chorus group performing at a local nursing home. Classroom visits have become a regular part of the Children's Room activities and hopefully will increase in the coming year. The Children's Department is opened three nights per week in order to provide more programs and class visits during the more popular daytime hours.

The Young Adult Department has also seen renewed activity and progress. Programs for Young Adults have focussed primarily on junior high school students in order to build the habit of library use in this age group. The Young Adult fiction collection has been arranged in one section of the Library to facilitate use by this age group and to help students adjust to the adult library more easily. The programs offered to Young Adults have been varied and interesting. Drawing classes, arts and crafts, a runner's clinic, field trips, dancing lessons, films, and games are a sampling of what was available. Cooperation with outside groups and individuals has also been a priority with the department.

The Adult Services Department although without an assistant for nine months has maintained itself well. Book ordering and requests were a priority that could not be neglected. Programs were sporadic for the last half of the year because of personnel changes and lack of staff. However, those programs that were offered were well received by the public. Programs included patchwork quilting course taught by Ellen Rauch, a writer's workshop lead by Elaine Boatin, a display of artist's work, poetry reading, and musical program all by local artists, and an energy conservation program.

The Audio/Visual Department has been reorganized to include the planning of adult programs. Work has also been done with community organizations such as planning and implementing of programs for them. A highlight of the Department's film program is the presentation of films to a group of retarded adults who attend every other week. Their enjoyment is real and this program fills a definite need in the community. Media related periodicals are now kept in the Audio/Visual room to centralize that area as the media center of the Library.

The Circulation Department received the additional computer equipment needed to prevent the system from overloading. Due to the announced retirement of Ms. Barbara Niles in December, plans are being made to reorganize the department. Ms. Niles's retirement will be a significant loss for the Library system.

The reference Department has filled two new staff positions during the year. The department has maintained its reputation for courtesy and helpfulness throughout the year.

The Periodical Department has continued to add new titles to the collection. This has been accomplished by reading critical reviews and perusing samples. A display rack of free magazine samples, gifts, and extra copies has been initiated by this department and the public is delighted.

The Bookmobile served a dual purpose this summer by being utilized as a film van for the Somerfest program. The exterior is being completely renovated because of extensive dents and rust spots. In the meantime the Bookmobile librarian has helped in various

library departments and has continued to order books for the Book-mobile.

The Hospital Department is now operating on a three day week schedule. The additional two days are filled by helping to staff the Audio/Visual Department.

The East Branch Library has had a staff change and some re-organization will take effect in the coming year. A children's librarian is in the process of being hired.

The Ethnic Arts Project finished the year successfully with parents and community people working with the Library to seek funds to continue the project. Unfortunately the likelihood of further funding is doubtful. However, a children's librarian will continue to use the materials to promote ethnic arts throughout the City.

The West Branch has sponsored several programs during the year both for adults and children. A quilting class, a film series, a discussion of Nuclear power, class visits, pre-school story hour combined with a parents group, and cool cooking classes were among the many programs sponsored by the West Branch. We welcomed a new children's librarian to the staff at West in December.

The Catalog Department ran smoothly and efficiently this year. The only changes were in the loss of CETA help and part time attendants resigning. The backlog that has been a part of this department for several years is literally gone. The time between arrival and shelving of books had been cut drastically.

The Office has been of great assistance to me since I became Director. Ms. Thelma Donovan has been efficient and helpful with information about past practices. The record keeping and the financial transactions are excellent in this department.

Mr. John Mackey has been responsible for directing part time attendants and staff members in shelving books, reading and straightening shelves in Wellington Hall. This year a new system was put into effect which seems to be working out well. Mr. Mackey also coordinated the Irish Festival and the Holocaust program, two popular community programs.

Department Heads and other staff have been involved in the drawing up of a procedure manual. This should be finished in the near future.

Vandalism and disturbances in the Library continue to disrupt services to patrons. Without security minor destruction attracts and invites more destruction. Maintenance becomes an impossible task. Many patrons may become discouraged from using the facilities because of disturbances. The staff morale weakens when needed energies are used to control groups.

Regular maintenance and upkeep of the Library building is necessary to insure the safety of the staff and the library patrons. If a systematic and conscientious program of building maintenance is not initiated, all three library buildings will soon require major repairs.

A Friends of the Somerville Library group has been initiated. Approximately fifty people have joined. Meeting attendance has been low. However those Friends that have attended meetings have shown enough enthusiasm to begin plans for a book sale in the Spring.

Weeding the library collection has begun and will continue on a regular basis. We are badly in need of a thorough weeding of the non-fiction collection. The Adult, Young Adult and Reference departments have begun to cooperate in this task. More departments may become involved in the future.

The Sunday afternoon openings that patrons enjoyed several years ago will be presented in the budget to the mayor and the Board of Alderman. If the funds are granted the Library will be opened on Sunday afternoons from October to May.

The part time attendants have been helpful in all aspects of library work and serve an important purpose in supporting the library staff during peak hours.

My personal gratitude and thanks is extended to the staff of the Library. When I have asked for assistance with projects, cooperation between staff members, or for departments to reciprocate with staff help, the response has been positive. At a time when people in many

professions seem to be working only for personal benefit, the Somerville Library Staff has shown a unique spirit of unity.

To the Board of Trustees I express my sincere thanks for allowing me to make decisions and handle problems in my own manner. These decisions were accompanied by valuable suggestions and support from the entire Board.

The Somerville Library begins the decade of the 1980's with a firm purpose of service to the community stressing an ever improving attitude toward the public.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Paul A. DeAngelis". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Paul" and last name "DeAngelis" clearly legible.

Paul A. DeAngelis  
Director

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE LICENSING COMMISSION

To the Honorable, the mayor  
and the Board of Alderman  
of the City of Somerville

Gentlemen:

The following factual information is respectfully submitted as the Annual Report of the Licensing Commission of the City of Somerville for the year ending December 31, 1979.

Commissioner Costa Chitouras served as Chairman of the Licensing Commission from January 1, 1979 to July 8, 1979 and commissioner Earle E. Coke served as Chairman for the balance of 1979

John Cavicchi, 36 Ivaloo Street, Somerville was appointed by the Mayor, approved by the Board of Alderman and sworn in on July 9, 1979 for a term of three years replacing Commissioner for the year of 1979 was Dominick Zoccola.

Sergeant William J. White of the Somerville Police Department was assigned to the Licensing Commission for the year of 1979.

Board of Health Inspector Charles Caliri was assigned to the Licensing Commission for the year of 1979.

The Licensing Commission received the following applications for the year of 1979:-

3-Applications:-Two for a Malt Beverages and Wines 7-Day Restaurant License. The applicant withdrew both applications before the hearings. The other application was for a Malt Beverages and Wines Package Goods Store License. They voted 'DENIED' on this application. The applicant did not appeal to the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission.

6-Applications for a transfer from one corporation to another corporation and a change of manager:-They voted 'GRANTED' on these applications and the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission 'APPROVED' them.



Three violations of the Law were reported to the Licensing Commission after holding hearings on these, they took appropriate action.

The established policy of the Licensing Commission relative to routine matters of office procedure and the issuance of licenses has not materially changed.

A general inspection tour of all licensed premises brought out the fact that all establishments are now equipped with up-to-date facilities.

We wish to acknowledge the splendid co-operation and whole-hearted support given our Commission by Sergeant William J. White and Board of Health Inspector Charles Calari assigned to our Commission. We also wish to acknowledge the efficient and faithful service of our Clerk Mary I. Kenney.

An itemized report of the fees received during the year ending December 31, 1979 is as follows:-

One All Forms Alcoholic Beverages 7-Day Restaurant License was not renewed for the year of 1980.

One All Forms Alcoholic Beverages 30-A Licensee, druggist, did not renew his license for 1980.



**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE LICENSING COMMISSION**  
**OF THE CITY OF SOMERVILLE, Cont'd**

- 7-Applications for transfer of stock which were 'APPROVED' by them and the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission.
- 7-Applications for pledge of stock which were 'APPROVED' by them and the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission.
- 9-Applications for change of officers of a corporation which were 'APPROVED' by them and the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission.
- 16-Applications for change of managers which were 'APPROVED' by them and the Alcoholic Beverages control Commission.
- 105- Applications for renewal of Alcoholic Beverages License for 1980-No hearings on these applications as the application were for the same type of license and were filed prior to December 1, 1979 which entitles the applicants to an automatic renewal under Chapter 352 Acts of 1970
  - 19 - All Forms Alcoholic Beverages 'Package Goods Store' License
    - 9 - Malt Beverages and Wines 'Package Goods Store' License
  - 55 - All Forms Alcoholic Beverages 'Restaurant 7-Day License'
    - 1 - Malt Beverages and Wines 'Restaurant 7-Day License'
    - 2 - All Forms Alcoholic Beverages 'Innholder 7-Day License'
  - 17 - All Forms Alcoholic Beverages 'Club 7-Day License'
    - 1 - Malt Beverages and Wines Educational Institution 7-Day License
  - 1 - All Forms Alcoholic Beverages 'Section 30-A License' (Druggist)

They 'GRANTED' twelve Special Alcoholic Beverages Licenses, twenty Liquor Identification Cards, twelve Full Entertainment Licenses and twelve Dance Licenses.

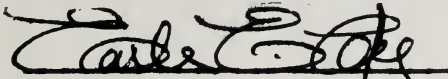
## **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE LICENSING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SOMERVILLE, Cont'd**

- 2-Applications for approval of the appointment of an administrator:-They voted 'APPROVED' on these and the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission acknowledged receipt of this information.
- 1-Application for a transfer of location:-They voted 'GRANTED' on this and the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission 'APPROVED' same.
- 1-Application for an extension of premises:-They voted 'GRANTED' on this and the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission 'APPROVED' same.
- 2-Applications for additional premises:-They voted 'GRANTED' on these and the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission 'APPROVED' them.
- 1-Application for an extension of premises:- They voted 'GRANTED' on this and the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission 'APPROVED' same.
- 1-Application for renovation of interior of premises:- They voted 'GRANTED' on this. An approval form the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission not required.
- 1-Application for adding a doing business name:- They voted 'GRANTED',on this. The Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission scknowledged receipt of this.
- 1-Application for change of corporation and doing business name:- They voted 'GRANTED' on this. Alcoholic Beverages 'GRANTED' on this. Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission 'APPROVED' same.
- 3-Applications for change of doing business name:- They voted 'GRANTED' on these and the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission acknowledged receipt of this infomration.

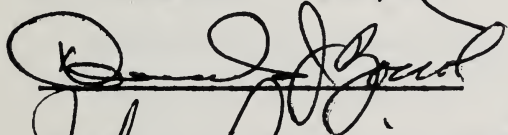
One All Forms Alcoholic Beverages Package Goods Store Licensee requested and extension of time to pay the fee for its 1980 license.

Respectfully submitted,

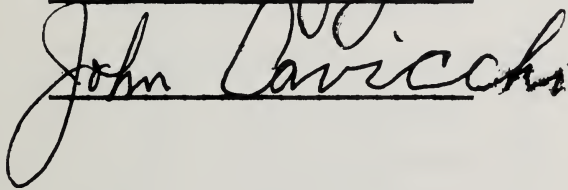
LICENSING COMMISSION



CHAIRMAN

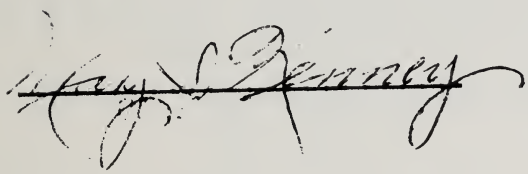


COMMISSIONER



COMMISSIONER

ATTEST



Clerk

# FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE LICENSING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SOMERVILLE

1979

## LICENSES GRANTED AND FEES RECEIVED:

19-RENEWALS	(1980)	All Forms 'Pkg. Goods' Store Licenses.	\$1,000.00	\$ 19,000.00
9-	"	Malt Bev & Wines "	400.00	3,600.00
55-	"	All Forms Restaurant Licenses 7-Day	1,100.00	60,500.00
1-	"	Malt Bev & Wines "	500.00	500.00
17-	"	All Forms Club "	250.00	4,250.00
2-	"	All Forms Innholder "	1,300.00	2,600.00
1-	"	Malt & Wines Educational Inst	500.00	500.00
1-	"	Section 30-A License (Druggist)	300.00	300.00
12-	(1979)	Special Alcoholic Licenses	10.00	120.00
20-	"	Liquor Identification Cards	2.00	40.00
43-	"	Common Victualler's Licenses	10.00	430.00
126-	(1980)	" "	10.00	1,260.00
2-	"	Innholder Licenses	10.00	20.00
1-	"	Chap 140, E-21 (Food License Club)	10.00	10.00
57-	"	Entertainment Licenses	5.00	285.00
1-	"	Entertainment License	1.00	1.00
12-	"	Dance Licenses.	25.00	300.00
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TOTAL RECEIPTS 1979				93,716.00
Expenses 7/1/78 - 6/30/79				20,486.83
NET TOTAL REVENUE OF DEPARTMENT 1979				<hr/> 73,229.17

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## **THE RECREATION COMMISSION**

**1979**

**ROBERT F. PISCO**, Chairperson (Mar.-Dec.)

**MARY E. TOOMEY**, Chairperson (Jan.-Mar.)

**PATRICIA LEYNE**, Vice-Chairperson

**PAULA F. ATWOOD**

**MICHAEL J. HAVICAN**

**HAROLD C. MITCHITSON**

**VINCENT J. PAPALUCA**

**JOHN T. KIELY**

**JOANNE POULIN** (Jan.-Nov.)

**ANN M. SHEEHAN** (Jan.-June)

**ROBERT J. MC ELREATH** (Jan.-June)

**Secretary To The Commission: WILLIAM J. MACDONALD**

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## PERSONNEL

The standing membership of the Recreation Commission underwent changes in 1979. Mr. Robert F. Pisco was elected Chairperson in March, replacing Miss Mary E. Toomey who remained on the Commission. Miss Toomey's patient understanding and complete concern for her duties while Chairperson rendered credit to herself and the Department. Mr. John T. Kiely was appointed to the Commission in October. Appreciation for the years of dedicated public service contributed by resigning members Mrs. Joanne Poulin, Mrs. Ann M. Sheehan and Mr. Robert T. McElreath was officially noted in the records of the Recreation Commission.

Superintendent, William J. Macdonald, completed his first full campaign at the helm in the year past. Bill's commitment to our programs and the people of Somerville traces back to the mid-thirties. Today's philosophical concepts on Municipal Recreation services were in fact created and developed by men like Mr. Macdonald and the past Superintendents of the Commission. His ideas on leisure time activities have long since formed the backbone of our city-wide programming. The debt of gratitude a community owes a man like Superintendent Macdonald unfortunately can never be measured, but fortunately, will never be forgotten!

The only change in our permanent, full-time staff was the appointment of Mr. Robert G. Zuccaro, a veteran part-time member of our invaluable Summer Playground maintenance crew, to the position of Facilities Supervisor. Mr. Zuccaro filled the vacancy created by the selection of Bill Macdonald as Superintendent. Robert is a 1975 graduate of Somerville High School and recently finished final course requirements for his Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from Suffolk University. He is rapidly learning under the watchful tutelage of Superintendent Macdonald, many of the behind scenes skills that make our Recreation programs first class operations. Bob is a genuine self-starter, who has provided every area of our programing with outstanding logistical support.



## **PERSONNEL**

Special recognition is due the Commission's remaining full-time staff members, who performed all of their work assignments in a thoroughly professional manner. Assistant Superintendent, Mr. James B. Callahan, General Supervisors, Mr. John M. Pieroni and Mr. Thomas A. O'Hare, Arts & Crafts Supervisors, Miss Elaine M. Pieroni, Recreation Leaders, Mrs. Donna M. Callahan and Miss Carol A. Sorenti, and Secretaries, Mrs. Jo Ann Goggin and Miss Karen Curtin, each labored exceptionally hard to guarantee continued quality service in their areas of responsibility throughout the year.

# PROGRAMMING IN 1979 UNDER THE SOMERVILLE RECREATION COMMISSION

PROGRAM	AGES	UNITS
SUMMER PLAYGROUNDS	7-16	31
SUMMER SPECIAL NEEDS	6-18	1
SUMMER PRE-SCHOOL SPECIAL NEEDS	3-6	1
AFTER SCHOOL ARTS & CRAFTS	7-12	6
MODEL BUILDING	7-12	3
GIRL'S GYMNASTICS	8-12	1
SATURDAY SPECIAL NEEDS	6-18	1
CHILDREN'S THEATRE	8-14	1
BOYS' YOUTH LEAGUES	8-14	3
GIRLS' YOUTH LEAGUES	8-14	1
YOUTH BASEBALL CLINIC	8-18	1
INSTRUCTIONAL TENNIS CLINIC	8-14	2
TWILIGHT SOCCER CLINIC	8-18	1
GIRLS' PHYSICAL FITNESS CENTERS	10-15	6
BOYS' PHYSICAL FITNESS CENTERS	10-15	6
GIRLS' CLUB	13-16	2
TEEN CERAMICS CLUB	13-17	1
ADVANCED ARTS & CRAFTS CIASS	12-17	1



GIRLS' JUNIOR SLOW-PITCH SOFTBALL	13-15	6 Teams
GIRLS' JUNIOR TWILIGHT BASKETBALL	12-15	7 Teams
GIRLS' JUNIOR INDOOR BASKETBALL	12-15	1
BOYS' JUNIOR TWILIGHT BASKETBALL	12-15	9 Teams
BOYS' JUNIOR INDOOR BASKETBALL	12-15	1
BOYS' INTERMEDIATE TWILIGHT BASKETBALL	15-18	14 Teams
BOYS' INTERMEDIATE INDOOR BASKETBALL	15-18	6 Teams
VOLLEYBALL CLUB	16-21	1
YOUNG WOMEN'S PHYSICAL FITNESS CENTERS	16-21	6
YOUNG MEN'S PHYSICAL FITNESS CENTERS	16-21	6
CERAMICS CLASSES	18 & Over	5
SEWING CLASSES	18 & Over	3
CRAFTS FOR ADULTS	18 & Over	1
PHOTOGRAPHY GROUPS	18 & Over	2
WOMEN'S EXERCISE CLASS	18 & Over	1
MODERN DANCING CLASS	18 & Over	1
WOMEN'S SLOW PITCH SOFTBALL	16 & Over	14 Teams
WOMEN'S DAYTIME BOWLING	18 & Over	12 Teams
WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL	16 & Over	4 Teams
WOMEN'S TWILIGHT BASKETBALL	16 & Over	7 Teams
WOMEN'S INDOOR BASKETBALL	16 & Over	6 Teams

MEN'S SLOW PITCH SOFTBALL	18 & Over	44 Teams
MEN'S FLAG FOOTBALL	18 & Over	14 Teams
MEN'S EVENING BOWLING	18 & Over	8 Teams
MEN'S TWILIGHT BASKETBALL	18 & Over	48 Teams
MEN'S INDOOR BASKETBALL	18 & Over	32 Teams
SENIOR CITIZENS' CLUB	65 & Over	4
SENIOR CITIZENS' BOWLING	65 & Over	1
SENIOR CITIZENS' DANCE CLASS	65 & Over	1
SENIOR CITIZENS' CERAMICS	65 & Over	1

A Soccer Clinic featured members of the New England Tea Men of the North American Soccer League and drew several dozen young enthusiasts to Conway Playground on a beautiful fall afternoon.

**October** . . . . The 2.7 Mile Fall Road Race included 281 runners throughout the city and a large number of spectators at the City Hall Concourse to watch and applaud the fast and the not so fast. Participants included runners who earlier were entire in the Boston Marathon and the Bonne Belle Race. A new male record was established partly due to the solid field of entries and ideal weather conditions. Road racing sneakers and attractive racing apparel have now become a trendy side-light to the main attraction of the constant appeal of Somerville residents partaking in this socio-sporting spectacular.

**November** . . . Two divisional championships were decided on back-to-back Sundays in the Men's Flag Football League. As usual, a large gathering rimmed the sidelines to watch and cheer their favorites in quest for local supremacy and bragging rights as "Superbowl" winners exactly two months before another such rendition in the N.F.L.

The First Annual Fall Family Fun Run brought rave reviews from contestants and spectators as over 50 participants chose from three different course distances (1.3, 2.3, or 3.3 miles), in this non-timed contest. All participants received a decal of the race which they wore across their chest and 15 lucky persons received a handsomely inscribed stocking hat at a drawing during post-race ceremonies.

**December** . . . Over 200 Basketball enthusiasts attended the third Pre-Teen Team Invitational Christmas Classic Basketball Tourney. The teams included members from such various organizations as churches, municipal leagues

and private clubs, representing the best in basketball programming for pre-teens. Each player received a handsome Tee-shirt and some lucky fans won a basketball during a free-throw contest between halves of each game.

The women's Daytime Bowling League held its Annual Christmas Luncheon at the Recreation Office Building

The buffet was followed by a centerpiece raffle and a gift exchange

After-School Arts & Crafts Christmas Parties featured cookies, chips and beverages after the weekly project was completed. Following a period of games, all the children received a box of candy for the holidays.

The Ceramic Program's Christmas Party was held at King's Grant Restaurant in Danvers. Over 100 members and program workers enjoyed the dinner and lively musical numbers.

**City of Somerville, Recreation Commision**  
**FINANCIAL SUMMARY -- FISCAL YEAR 1979**

**ANNUAL APPROPRIATION**

(July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979) ..... \$ 323,104.88

**EXPENDITURES (Fiscal Year 1979):**

Salaries and Wages .....	\$ 287,981.88
Office Supplies .....	1,050.00
Printing & Stationary ....	450.00
Postage & Rentals	
(Postal Box) .....	987.00
Dues & Memberships ...	150.00
Advertising (Bids) .....	75.00
Photography, Film	
Service & Supplies ....	675.00
Telephone Service .....	2,400.00
Professional Services	
(Work-Study) .....	200.00
Refreshments, Etc. ....	250.00
Books & Text Books .....	100.00
Automobile Allowance....	2,300.00
Clothing & Uniforms .....	500.00
Trophies & Awards .....	800.00
Electrical Supplies &	
Small Tools &	
Implements .....	250.00
Tires, Chains, Etc. ....	200.00
Audio-Visual Supplies ...	200.00
Transportation .....	500.00
Athletic Supplies .....	6,000.00
Laundry Supplies .....	75.00
First Aid Supplies .....	400.00
Recreational Supplies &	
Services.....	2,500.00
Hardware Supplies .....	2,300.00

Paint & Lumber Supplies	2,000.00	
Playground Supplies . . . .	800.00	
Repairs & Maintenance -		
Automotive . . . . .	200.00	
Repairs & Maintenance -		
Tools & Equipment . . . .	100.00	
Repairs & Maintenance -		
Office Equipment . . . . .	200.00	
Programs For Retarded & Handicapped Children:		
Transportation . . . . .	5,000.00	
Groceries & Provisions	250.00	
Recreational Supplies		
& Services . . . . .	520.00	
Somerville Players Program:		
Recreational Supplies		
(Costumes, Etc.) . . . .	300.00	
Lumber Products		
(Scenery, Etc.) . . . . .	200.00	
Royalty Fees . . . . .	200.00	
Senior Citizen's Programs:		
Rentals (Buses) . . . .	<u>3,000.00</u>	<u>                    </u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES . . . .	\$ 323,104.88	\$ 323,104.88

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Recreation Commission has been extremely fortunate in obtaining cooperation and assistance from a great many sources. Our appreciation for their concern and aid is sincerely expressed to all of the following:

HONORABLE EUGENE C. BRUNE

Mayor of Somerville

THOMAS F. AUGUST

Former Mayor of Somerville

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMAN

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

POLICE DEPARTMENT

PUBLIC LIBRARIES

CIVIL DEFENSE

VARIOUS OTHER MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES

SOMERVILLE CHURCHES AND MEMBERS OF THE CLERGY

SERVICE, SOCIAL AND VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS  
OF SOMERVILLE

METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COMMISSION

PARKS & RECREATION DIVISION

JAMES A. LOGAN POST, V.F.W. AND THE MEMBERS  
OF ITS AUXILIARY

For the use of its Hall for our Monday, Tuesday & Thursday  
Senior Citizen's Groups meetings and the Ladies' Auxiliary.

AMERICAN LEGION, POST #19

For the use of its Hall for our Wednesday Senior Citizens'  
Group meeting and our Friday morning Dance Program.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF BOSTON ....

For sponsoring the U.S.D.A.'s Summer Food Program on  
our Playgrounds.

## SOMERVILLE KIWANIS CLUB

For the donations of Sportsmanship & Championship Jacket Awards for Summer Playground participants, the printing of programs and the girls' outstanding Competitor trophies for the Inter-Playground Track Meet, and for sponsoring our Fall Family Fun Run.

## SOMERVILLE LOYAL ORDER OF MOOSE

For donating the Boys' Outstanding Competitor Trophies for the Inter-Playground Track Meet.

## MATIGNON HIGH SCHOOL

For the use of its Athletic Field.

## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL

For the use of its Cafeteria

## M.W. CARR COMPANY

For assistance to all our activities.

## CONVERSE RUBBER COMPANY

For allowing our participants to belong to their Product-Development Testing Program.

## "SOMERVILLE JOURNAL"

For outstanding weekly coverage of our programs and events.

## "BOSTON HERALD-AMERICAN"

For day-to-day publicity available to our activities via its Cambridge-Somerville page.

## WARNER CABLE OF SOMERVILLE, INC.

For coverage via public access and local Cable Television.

## WINTER HILL FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK

For use of its message board to publicize our programs and events.



Special recognition and appreciation is expressed to the Somerville School Department for their complete cooperation in our use of School Buildings and Grounds throughout the year. Our modest operating budget could not generate the Commission's present level of leisure-time programming were it not for the direct and indirect helping hand of the School Department. The members of the Somerville Recreation Commission, its appointed personnel and program participants wish to extend their deep gratitude for the interest demonstrated by the School Department and its employees in the recreational well-being of our community.

**SOMERVILLE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**1979**

"The Commission shall be accountable at all times to the public To that end, all meetings, minutes thereof, documents, records of account, including expenses and disbursements, funding from any source, and any other matters of the Commission shall be available for public inspection and photocopying."

Article Thirteen: Open Policy, By-Laws  
Somerville Conservation Commission  
January 1, 1979

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**Attorney Susan B. Nissenbaum, Chairman**, 56 Curtis Street, Somerville, MA 02144, Tel.: 776-7814 (h); 776-2016 (o) Term expires January 1980.

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**PURPOSE OF THE COMMISSION:**

The purpose of the Commission is to perform all duties imposed by law, including but not limited to Massachusetts General Laws Annotated Chapter 40, Section 8C, as amended.

1979 Annual Report  
Somerville Conservation Commission

# ANNUAL REPORT

1979

The following summary is an overview of the scope of the 1979 Commission's work in meeting its responsibility as defined by law. Categories are documented chronologically for easy reference to the original documents which may be inspected and photocopied upon request to the Somerville Conservation Commission, City Hall, Somerville, MA 02143.

## A. MINUTES OF MEETINGS:

**November 15, 1978.** Powder House Square Rotary landscape voted upon, subject to a Public Hearing. Also voted upon: to elect Attorney Susan B. Nissenbaum as Chairman for 1979; to forward minutes of meetings to elected officials and local press; to contact neighboring conservation commissions for input; to research proposed "Citywide Conservation Day"; and to seek public's suggestions and recommendations. Also included is summary of 1978 meetings held on May 24, July 12, August 30, and October 19. (Four Pages).

**January 3, 1979.** Guest Speakers Joseph Pignatiello, Robert Siggins, and Gerry DeRosa of Somerville High School Science Department updated an earlier proposal regarding the building of an Environmental Studies Center, including a Greenhouse, on the roof of Somerville High School. (To date same has not been erected due to lack of funding.) John Matthews, Advisor to the Commission, reviewed the Open Space Plan for Somerville. Paul I. Wren, immediate past Commission Chairman, discussed past actions of the Commission and offered his assistance to the new Commission. Voted to accept Completely revised By-Laws, consisting of seven pages. (Two Pages).

**March 7, 1979.** Guest Speakers included the following persons: Deirdre Kimball of the Cambridge Conservation Commission; Nancy Bellows of the Cambridge Conservation Commission; Chuch Schwerin Sally Churchill, and Barbara Claflin of Tufts Graduate School of Environmental Studies; Kristen McCormick of Somerville Economic Opportunity Committee (SCEOC); and Bobbie Roy of Massachusetts

Association of Conservation Commissions (MACC). Each reported on his/her respective positions, offering suggestions for this Commission's participation. Also discussed, House Bill 3068 regarding the MDC's building of a sewage maintenance facility on a 15 acre river-front parcel adjacent to the Amelia Earhart Dam. (The Commission was very active in the City's successful effort to stop this construction. The Commission's part in this matter included giving testimony at a legislative hearing). (Two Pages).

**April 4, 1979.** Special Meeting held with Charles B. Stewart of the MBTA regarding the extension of the Red Line through Somerville and improvements to the New Hampshire Division Rail Line. (One Page).

**April 19, 1979.** Committee meeting regarding plans for City-wide Conservation Day. (Two Pages).

**April 24, 1979.** Committee meeting regarding plans for city-wide Conservation Day. (Two Pages).

**May 2, 1979.** Tufts volunteers reviewed their work entitled "Needs Assessment" regarding the status of environmental education courses and related matters in the Somerville schools, public and parochial. See report consisting of eighty-two pages. (This report is being printed by Tufts and will be forwarded to the Commission upon completion). Commission member Joseph Dorant explained the Environmental Protection Agency's 3 million dollar grant Metropolitan District Commission for a study on Combined Sewer Over Flow in Boston Harbor, including Somerville, where our major concern is the Mystic Lakes. Mr. Dorant is the Commission's representative to the Inner Harbor Advisory Committee. (Minutes plus agenda, Three Pages).

**July 11, 1979.** Meeting included continuing reports on the following Committees: Conservation Day; Legislation, with reports on bills in the Urban Affairs Committee, 727-7035, Natural Resources Committee; ongoing publication in local press of articles written for the Commission about matters of environmental and conservation concern; and status of reports to elected officials and local press. (Five Pages).

**September 12, 1979.** Thank-you letters mailed to the several private corporations who mailed environmental literature to the Commission for distribution to the general public, with special emphasis on school age children. (To date, the Commission has received more than 10,000 pieces of literature for all ages. (Plans are being made to have same distributed 50% through Somerville Public Schools, 30% through Somerville Public Libraries, and 20% through Somerville Parochial Schools). Also, Commission responded to public citizen's letter regarding status of bus stops in Somerville. Further support given to a Walnut Street Lot for community Gardens /Park in conjunction with SCEOC. Commission approved submitting application for an Outstanding Conservation Conservation Award sponsored by the Middlesex Conservation District. (To date, the Commission has not received notice of the outcome.) Commission also reviewed plans for the Assembly Square Area. (Minutes and Agenda, Five Pages, plus Nineteen Pages regarding a discussion on Emissions Inspection Program).

**November 14, 1979.** Commission reviewed programs of 1979 and set goals for 1980. Elections held for 1980 Officers. Nelson Obus elected as Chairman. Next Regular Meeting will be held at City Hall January 9, 1979 at 7:30 p.m. (No recorded minutes). Discussion on Noise—What is it?

**December 6, 1979.** Special Meeting with Guest, Mayor-Elect Gene Brune, regarding programs and plans for 1980.

## **MEETINGS:**

The Commission held Regular Meetings every other month commencing January 1979. In addition, the Commission held three Special Meetings during 1979. All meetings were open to the public and publicized accordingly with the cooperation of local press. Among other matters, the Commission focused its attention on the following areas, namely, Education, Legislation, Community Programs, and Special Projects.

## **BUDGET:**

Although the Commission had no specific budget for 1979, the Office of Planning and Community Development paid for such administrative expenses as photostating, postage, and stationery. Several agencies including the state and federal government, were contacted regarding possible funding.

## **1980 GOALS:**

The Commission will continue its current work, with special emphasis on the Open Space Plan, Education, and Legislation.

This 1979 Annual Report is dated December 6, 1979 and is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Susan B. Nissenbaum". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

**ATTORNEY SUSAN B. NISSENBAUM,  
CHAIRMAN**

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